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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT OF BATTERIES FOR SUEZ CANAL OPENING

REF A. CAIRO 4378; B. STATE 103390

C. STATE 100891; D. CAIRO 4328

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN FUNDING AIRLIFT
OF BATTERIES AND IS PREPARED TO ADVISE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY
AS INDICATED PARA 4 REF B.

2. HOWEVER, IN VIEW CONSIDERABLE US INVESTMENT IN OPERATIONS
TO OPEN CANAL IT SEEMS PITY AT THIS POINT NOT TO BE ABLE TO PRODUCE
SINGLE PLANE FLIGHT TO TRANSPORT BATTERIES SO THAT TRANSITS THROUGH
CANAL AT OUTSET WILL HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO DAYLIGHT OPERATIONS.

3. REALIZE THAT IN FINAL ANALYSIS THAT SCA MATTER AND THEIR
HANDLING HAS LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE
REAL PAY OFF IF SOME IMAGINATIVE THINKING COULD BE BROUGHT
TO BEAR ON THIS SITUATION. PERHAPS US AIR FORCE RESERVE
OR AIR NATIONAL GUARD IN COURSE OF TRAINING FLIGHT ACTIVITIES
COULD FLY IN BATTERIES. OPERATION WOULD COME JUST AT A TIME WHEN
INTERNATIONAL FOCUS IS ON OPENING OF THIS WORLD RENOWNED
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